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Major General William J. Donovan  
2 Wall Street  
New York, New York

Dear General Donovan:

The War Report on the activities of the Office of Strategic Services, which was prepared at the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and under the supervision of the Joint Security Control, has now been completed.

It is my understanding that the History Staff consulted closely with you during its preparation, and that a major portion of the rough drafts were submitted to you as the work progressed.

Inasmuch as the Report covers the activities which you so ably directed, it is felt that it should be submitted to you in its final form for any desired comments prior to delivery to the Joint Security Control for further processing. Under the directive of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the ultimate distribution and classification of the report will be decided by that body, in conjunction with the Joint Security Control. It is our thought, and we propose to recommend, that a classification of "Secret" should be maintained, and that distribution be limited to those Government agencies which might benefit from the experiences and the lessons learned.

I have directed Colonel Pruden, Adjutant of the Strategic Services Unit, to personally deliver and make arrangements for the return of a copy of the Report with your comments. Since we are being pressed daily by the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the completed work, your earliest attention will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

*A/RNN - Done 15 Sep. 47*

R. H. MILLENBETTER  
Director of Central Intelligence

12 September 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: War Report on the Activities of the  
Office of Strategic Services.

1. The War Report on the activities of the Office of Strategic Services which was prepared by a small, specially constituted History Project staff under my jurisdiction as Director, Strategic Services Unit, has been completed. This work was undertaken one year ago at the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and under the supervision of the Joint Security Control.

2. General Donovan has not seen the War Report in its final form, although he was closely consulted throughout and did see most of the drafts in rough. It is recommended that a copy of the Report be submitted to him for his review and comments prior to forwarding it to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. Subject to your approval, Colonel Pruden, who serves as my Adjutant incident to SSU activities, will personally deliver a copy of this report to General Donovan to be returned with his comments.



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September 18th, 1947

PERSONALRear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
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My dear Admiral:

I have your letter of September 15th and, as I told Colonel Pruden, I will work on the volumes successfully and send each one to you as I finish.

I am hoping that our country will do something in relation to the political and psychological war that is being waged against us. This is a great opportunity for your organization.

All good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill Donovan

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